

changing that so that three members of the board are abstracters and one is a member of the public and the fifth one is a lawyer, but he is also a lawyer who has to be an active registered abstracter. Now there are very, very few lawyers in the state who are active registered abstracters. So what is happening with this change in the composition of the board is effectively the board is becoming more controlled by abstracters and less outside influence. Now you...on the surface it may appear that I am looking out for lawyers and in the sense of what I am doing is trying to open that one classification up to all lawyers and not just lawyers who are licensed registered abstracters. And the reason is this. Abstracters do their work principally for lawyers and the lawyers that they work for are lawyers all over the state, any lawyer that does real estate work. And those are the people who are in the best position to constructively criticize the abstracting industry because they are the clients of the abstracting industry. So I think it is important that you retain at least one lawyer. But I think it is also important that that one lawyer not be tied into the industry, that he be simply a person who is looking in on the industry as a client of the industry and not be looking at it from both sides. So essentially what I am doing is suggesting that you don't dilute the influence of the lawyers on that group to the extent that is being suggested in this bill. I would ask the adoption of the amendment, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, do you wish to comment on Senator Beutler's latest amendment?

SENATOR DECAMP: I think it is a good amendment, but I truly don't know. I think so.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President...

PRESIDENT: May we have some order, please. Listen to the debate. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I would just like to comment as to the reason that the bill specified active registered abstracters. As I understand it, the issue that was...or that was trying to be addressed, as we all know, attorneys on occasion also specialize in certain areas and it is my